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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on 3/17/2005.

2. This application has been reconsidered. Claims 1-14 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bates et al (Bates) (U.S. 6,088,707).

With respect to claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9, Bates discloses a process of navigating on a computer network (18) with a data processing device (20) comprising a screen (22) and a printer (24), wherein the server page (502 or 510) comprises information (512) and selection zones

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(512) for selecting other pages (figure 24) and wherein the processing device further comprises means (26 or 519) for designating a selection zone (512) of the server page (502 or 510), the process comprising locating the selection zones transmitting the selection zones to the screen (22) and displaying the selection zones as a block of data in a display smaller than the size of a server page (520, figure 24 and column 19, line 46 to column 20, line 12), without displaying other information (figure 24) that was displayed with the selection zones on a the server page (figure 24, and calling up another page (514) by designating one of the displayed zones (figure 24).

With regard to claim 2, Bates discloses the data input fields are also displayed with the zones (figure 24), in which data can be entered by selecting the field using a cursor means (519) and entering data using the input means (the address could be entered (figure 24).

With respect to claim 5, Bates discloses the selection zones (512) and a window scanning the page are displayed alternately (figure 24).

With regard to claim 8, Bates discloses being able to recall a previous page upon request (column 18, line 53 to column 19, line 8).

With respect to claim 10, Bates discloses converting a page to HTML format (column 18, line 63 to column 19, line 3).

With regard to claims 11, 12, 13, and 14, Bates discloses the selection zones are displays in a reduced size screen smaller than the size of the server page (figure 24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bates in view of Isaac et al (Isaac) (U.S. 6,647,531).

With respect to claim 3, Bates differs from claim 3 in that he does not clearly disclose that the selection zones are made to scroll when the total size exceeds that of the screen.

Isaac discloses a method for customizing network documents wherein the user is allowed to scroll down a page when the information exceeds that of the page (figure 2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Bates wherein the selection zones are made to scroll when the total size exceeds that of the screen. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Bates by the teaching of Isaac in order to allow the user to navigate a greater amount of information.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

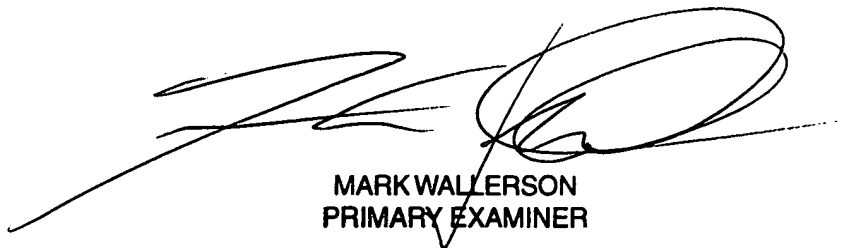
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7470. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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